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METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING CERAMIC

**SUBSTRATE** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

THIS APPLICATION IS A U.S. NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION OF PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/JP01/04818.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please delete pages "10/11" and "11/11" of the drawings, also labeled as "Reference numerals in the drawings" in its entirety.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 17-19 with the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

forming a via-conductor through forming a through-hole in the un-sintered green sheet;

and

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